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Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 remain pending in the application, with claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 being the independent claims. Independent claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 are sought to be amended. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by this Amendment.

Applicants have made the above Amendment to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,782,476 (hereinafter referred to as "Ishibashi") and in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,017,189 (hereinafter referred to as "DeMello"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the following reason.

Independent claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 have been amended to include a similar feature of: wherein the content decryption component is tamper-resistant. Support for the Amendment can be found in the specification on page 11, paragraph 0042.

Ishibashi and DeMello, either taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest wherein the content decryption component is tamper-resistant. For at least this reason, independent claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 and their respective dependent claims 2-6, 8-10, 12-16,

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18-20 and 22-30 are distinguishable from Ishibashi and DeMello, either taken alone or in combination. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections to these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

INVITATION FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned, Molly A. McCall, at (703) 633-0931 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed accommodated or rendered moot. Thus, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, and as such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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